



County Non-Supplant Policy under the MHSA (DMH Letter No. 05-04)

Mental Health Services Act
Conference Call

Thursday, July 21, 2005

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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Non-Supplant Policy Conference Call AGENDA

4:00 Welcome and Purpose of Call – Carol Hood

4:02 Review Agenda and Conference Call Process – Carol Hood

4:05 Overview of Non-Supplant Policy – Mike Geiss, DMH
Consultant

4:25 Questions and Answers – DMH Staff and Mike Geiss

4:58 Wrap-up – Carol Hood

5:00 Adjourn



Purpose of Non-Supplant Policy

- To provide guidance on how DMH is implementing the non-supplant provisions of the MHSA
- To provide information on how DMH will enforce compliance with the non-supplant provisions of the MHSA



Overview of Non-Supplant Policy

- Three criteria must all be met in order to comply with non-supplant policy
 - Programs must be identified in Section 5892 of the W&I code
 - Funds cannot be used to replace other state and county funds used to provide mental health services
 - Funds can only be used to expand mental health services
- Non-supplant policy applies to all funding under the MHSA



Programs Authorized in Section 5892 of the W&I Code

- The following programs are identified in Section 5892 of the W&I code:
 - Local Planning
 - Services for Children and Adults and Older Adults
 - Education and Training
 - Capital Facilities and Technological Needs
 - Prevention and Early Intervention
 - Innovative Programs
 - State Administration
- Services for Children and Adults and Older Adults has been named by DMH as “Community Services and Supports”
- Services for Children and Adults may include services for Transition Age Youth



Replacement of Other State and/or County Funds

- MHSA funds cannot be used to replace other state and/or county funds
 - Funds used by the county mental health department to provide mental health services
 - Funds used in fiscal year 2004-05
- Includes the following allocations/funding:
 - Funds allocated to each county either from or through the DMH
 - Managed Care SGF Allocations
 - Other Community Service SGF Allocations
 - SAMHSA and PATH grants
 - Realignment Funds
 - EPSDT State General Fund
 - Fiscal year 2002-03 settled amounts will be used to develop fiscal year 2004-05 estimates



Replacement of Other State and/or County Funds (continued)

- DMH will provide each county with a listing of the funds required to be used for mental health services
- DMH will evaluate counties against the aggregate amount, not each category of funding
- Counties may cease to fund programs as long as aggregate spending is maintained
- Counties may use MHSA funds to expand the capacity of an existing program beyond the levels funded in 2004-05



Replacement of Other State and/or County Funds (continued)

- Counties are not prohibited from legally transferring 10 percent of realignment from mental health to the Health or Social Services accounts in accordance with W&I Code Section 17600.20
- Counties are not required to provide county overmatch
- MHSA does not allow the State to make any changes to the structure of financing mental health services which increases a county's share of cost or financial risk



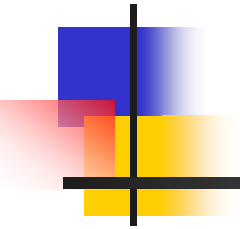
Expansion of Mental Health Services

- All MHSA funds must be used to expand mental health services
 - Beyond those provided or funded at the time of enactment of the MHSA (November 2, 2004)
- Expansion includes the following services
 - Services not provided or funded in the county (new services)
 - Expansion of program capacity beyond what existed (expansion of existing services)
- Inflationary increases in costs of existing programs are not considered an expansion of services and cannot be funded with MHSA funds
- Increases in costs due to expanding existing services to a larger population is considered an expansion of services and can be funded with MHSA funds



Compliance

- DMH will provide each county with a listing of fiscal year 2004-05 allocations required to be used for mental health services
- Each county is responsible for documenting the expenditure of these funds on the cost report
- Each county mental health director is responsible for certifying the following
 - That MHSA funds will be used appropriately (on the budget forms)
 - That MHSA funds were used appropriately (on the cost report)



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS